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PRODUCING FERULIC ACID AND VANILLIC ACID**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS & TRADEMARKS
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Responsive to the notification dated **20 November 2001**, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

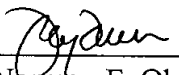
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- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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